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# JAPAN, SENDING ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY, TAKES STEPS TO GUARD AMERICAN INTERESTS IN ORIENT

## ATTITUDE OF POWER IN FAR EAST REASSURES U. S.

## GERMAN SOCIALISTS IN BERLIN ARE REPORTED RISING IN REVOLT

### CLIMAX OF WEEK OF HOT SKIRMISHING NOW COMES IN BATTLE ALONG LONG LINE

The great battle now in progress in reality began with skirmishing and several sharp encounters on August 11. On the afternoon of August 13 the French and Germans engaged all along the frontiers of Alsace and Lorraine and the fighting extended up into the duchy of Luxemburg. The dispatches to the Star-Bulletin last Thursday gave the first information that the first big battle of the war had begun.

Since that time the rival commanders have been massing corps after corps on the Franco-German border and the fighting has been constantly more serious.

Last night's dispatches brought the news that the battle front now extends from Basle, on the Franco-Swiss border, for 250 miles northeast to Maestricht (or Maastricht) in the Dutch province of Limburg, along the Voges mountains, through Luxemburg and even into Holland.

The same dispatches also brought the news that Japan has sent an ultimatum to Germany, demanding that the Germans withdraw their warships from Asiatic waters and evacuate their military base of Kiauchau. The ultimatum time limit is Sunday, August 23.

Locally, it is considered quite possible that unless Germany withdraws all of her war-vessels on the Pacific, Japan's battleships and cruisers will be sent out to seek and destroy them so that British as well as Japanese merchant vessels on the Pacific may maintain their schedules free from fear of molestation.

### WAR EXPERTS SAY GERMANY MUST CUT THROUGH BELGIUM

Military experts in Hawaii believe that Germany's hope of success in the war lies in cutting through Belgium to the French frontier.

According to the war experts, for nearly forty years the French engineers, among the ablest in the world in scientific design, have been laboring like beavers, constructing fortifications of earth and steel, even including great revolving turrets like those of a dreadnought, that now practically cover every mile of the frontier between France and Germany and south of Belgium. In the estimate of army engineers, these defenses are invulnerable except as against an army vastly outnumbering the French forces behind the parapets and in the rifle pits.

The American axiom is that one soldier behind such defenses as the French have erected on this frontier is equal to four in the attacking army.

This ratio of effective defensive and offensive power might be greatly reduced by systematic siege operations, but this would involve the expenditure of that most precious factor in a campaign—time. Therefore, the beginning of the campaign in Belgium had been expected and the outcome is being waited with great interest.

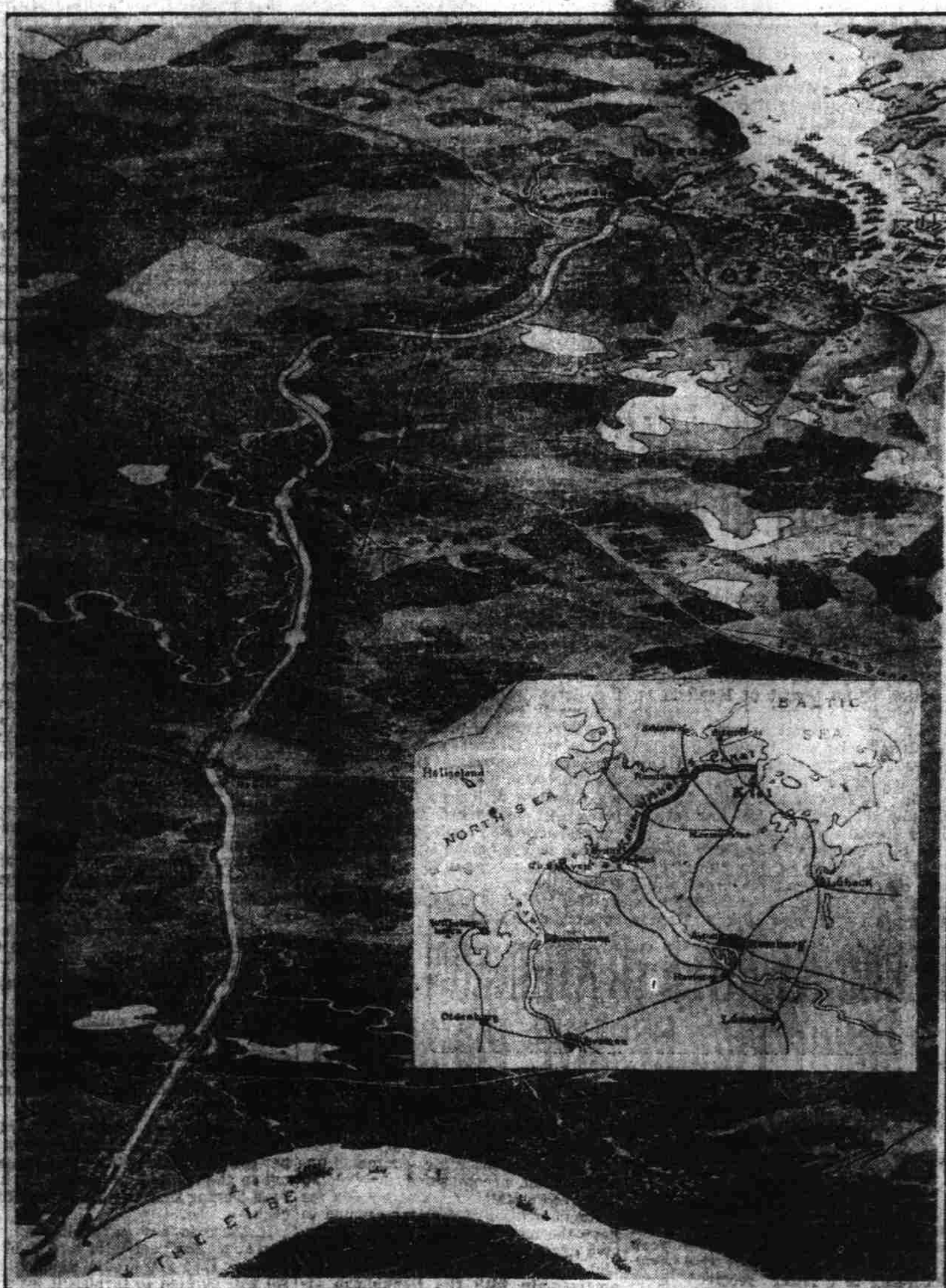
CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 16.—The national capital last night passed into the hands of the Constitutionalists. Yesterday evening, General Obregon marched in with his army and took peaceful possession. His troops are now occupying the federal barracks, the federal troops having formerly evacuated these.

For the first time in many months the Mexican and American colors are flying side by side here. General Carranza is expected to make his entry into the capital today and preparations are being made to make his entry a spectacular one.

George G. Guild, well-known business man and active Republican, is being urged to enter the race for supervisor.

A French electrical device for curling women's hair is said to be so efficient that the hair retains its shape for months.

### ONE OF GERMANY'S VANTAGE POINTS



The reconstructed Kiel canal, a \$55,000,000 naval work recently completed, which allows for the transportation of the Kaiser's warships from the North to the Baltic seas. At the dinner following the opening of the great waterway Wilhelm said that Germany must be in a position to carry out one of the famous sayings of Bismarck (The Iron Chancellor) which was "We Germans fear God and otherwise absolutely nothing, and no one in this world."

### CHILD LOSES LIFE IN MIDNIGHT FIRE

In a fire that totally destroyed the home of George Kanoa at Iwilei shortly before midnight last night, Kanoa was seriously burned and is now in a precarious condition at the Queen's hospital while his six-year-old adopted son was burned to death.

But merge details of the fire are to be had until Kanoa recovers from his burns, his wife being merely able to state that the family was awakened by the flames and that in her eagerness to save her husband she forgot about the little boy.

Only the most heroic efforts on the part of the fire department saved the gas works from being fed to the flames.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—The Standard Oil Company has not withdrawn any of its seventeen tankers sailing under the British flag between this port and the Orient. The six vessels of German register carrying crude oil to South America have been or will be withdrawn. The operation of the British fleet is of great importance to the entire industry, as well as to the company, for the refined products bring in the bulk of the company's income. With an outlet for refined the gut is not likely to be so serious as at first expected.

The curse of the world is not the excuse of Adam.

### ILLNESS TERMINATES TRIP OF COLLECTOR

Collector of Customs Malcolm A. Franklin returned to Honolulu yesterday in the revenue cutter Thetis, having terminated very suddenly a proposed tour of his district owing to severe illness.

Mr. Franklin had anticipated spending last night in Hilo and continuing his tour of inspection tomorrow morning, but the sickness which overtook him en route had developed into a high fever and it was deemed advisable to return to Honolulu.

Wireless news from Hilo says that Kuhio, McCandless and Palmer Woods have all been campaigning hard. McCandless took the steamer Mauna Kea yesterday for Honolulu.

### Baron Kato, In Frank Talk With Guthrie, Says Uncle Sam Needn't Worry

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]

TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 16.—Simultaneously with the announcement of the dispatch of an ultimatum from Japan to Germany, demanding that Germany withdraw her military forces from the Pacific, Baron Kato, the Japanese minister of foreign affairs, called into conference the American ambassador, George W. Guthrie. The diplomats were closeted for some time.

It is announced as a result of their conference that Baron Kato has made broad statements calculated to assure the United States that American interests in the Orient will be safeguarded.

Not only this, but as a result of this conference and others held during the last few days by foreign diplomats here and Japanese high officials, including Baron Kato and Premier Okuma, the integrity of China will be upheld.

Today's dispatches from Tokio, that American interests in the Orient are to be safeguarded and the integrity of China assured, removes the last doubt as to the attitude of Japan toward the American position that China's neutrality should be strictly observed by all the powers.

At the same time, it adds another official assurance that Japan and the United States are working together to maintain perfect peace and accord.

### French Troops Take German Prisoners on Lorraine Border

PARIS, France, Aug. 16.—Official announcement made here today says that the French troops took more than 500 German prisoners last Friday when they occupied several mountains around Donon on the border of German Lorraine.

### Refugees to Rome State That German Socialists Revolt

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 16.—Dispatches from Rome, Italy, state that refugees arriving from Berlin, Germany, declare that the socialists are rising in revolt in Germany, following the execution of Dr. Liebknecht, the socialistic leader.

### State of Siege in Bulgaria

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 16.—According to despatches received here a state of siege has been declared in Bulgaria.

### Balkan States Rising Against Turkey

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—Reports received by diplomatic circles from abroad declare that the Balkan states are now actively forming a new coalition against Turkey and will shortly assume the offensive in an attack on the Ottoman empire.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 15.—An official message by German wireless direct to this port says that the Germans yesterday near Mulhausen defeated the seventh French army corps. The Germans, it is stated, took the entrenchments at the point of the bayonet.

The city of London, England, guardians are about to eliminate the word "pauper" and to substitute the word "inmate" in all official documents, reports.

French Servant (to marketman)—What! Ten francs for a chicken? Are you mad? Why, that's the price I have been charging my mistress for the